



# Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Parish

Mission ~ St. John the Evangelist, Keene, Ontario



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**Pastor:** Monsignor Michael Heffernan C.H.H.

## **Weekend Holy Mass Schedule:**

### **OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. in the fall & winter and  
5:00 p.m. in the spring & summer.  
(Times will switch at Seasonal time change)

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

### **ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

Keene, Ontario

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

## **Weekday Holy Mass Schedule:**

### **OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

**(Fourth and (Fifth) Tuesdays of the Month at 8:00 a.m.)**

Friday 7:00 p.m.

## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction:**

**Every Friday** from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.

## **NEW PARISHIONERS—**

Have you registered in our Parish?

“Parish Census” Forms can be found  
at the back of the Churches. Please introduce  
yourself to Fr. Michael and welcome!

**Moving?** Please let the office know your new address  
so that we can send out the year’s tax receipts.

## **Reminder -**

**If you or a family member is in the  
hospital and you would like the priest at  
Our Lady of the Assumption to contact you,  
please phone the office at 705 – 741 – 1018.**



*Christ the King  
November 20, 2016*

Parish Office: Phone: (705) 741-1018

**Secretary: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and  
Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

## **Catholic Women’s League:**

► President: Anna Marie Bolin  
(705)742-8249

## **Knights of Columbus:**

► Grand Knight: Peter Clancy  
(705)748-3075

**Marriage:** Registered Parishioners must  
contact the Parish Office twelve months  
before the proposed Wedding date. No  
date for a Wedding can be set before a  
couple has met with the Priest.

**Baptism:** Registered Parishioners must  
contact the Parish Office one month before  
the desired Baptism date.

## **Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. & 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

You may also ask Father at **ANYTIME**

**Jubilee of Mercy: Closing of the Holy  
Door of St. Peter’s Basilica and the  
conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy.**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

November 21 – November 27

**MONDAY, November 21**  
*Presentation of Mary*  
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

**TUESDAY, November 22**  
*St. Cecilia*  
 8:00 a.m. No Mass

**WEDNESDAY, November 23**  
*St. Clement I, St. Columban*  
*Bl. Miguel Pro*  
 8:00 a.m. No Mass

**THURSDAY, November 24**  
*St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Comp.*  
 8:00 a.m. + Vince Beresford  
 (Mike & Noreen Malloy)

**FRIDAY, November 25**  
*St. Catherine of Alexandria*  
 6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00 p.m. ~ Special Intention  
 (Marrocco Family)

**SATURDAY, November 26**  
*St. John Berchmans*  
 8:00 a.m. ~ For prisoners, victims, their families and communities

**SUNDAY, November 27**  
*1st Sunday of Advent*  
 4:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Pro Populo (*For the People*)  
 9:00 a.m. + Mike & Glenn O'Brien  
 (Their Family)  
 10:30 a.m. + Johanna Verhoeven  
 (Family)

**Please note that Fr. Michael will be away from Nov 21 – 23. There will be no morning Mass here on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Tues, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> at Sacred Heart and Wed, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. John the Baptist.**

**Feast of Christ the King**  
 The following is an excerpt from an Encyclical promulgated on December 11, 1925 by Pope Pius XI ...  
 31. When we pay honour to the princely dignity of Christ, men will doubtless be reminded that the Church, founded by Christ as a perfect society, has a natural and inalienable right to perfect freedom and immunity from the power of the state; and that in fulfilling the task

committed to her by God of teaching, ruling, and guiding to eternal bliss those who belong to the kingdom of Christ, she cannot be subject to any external power. The State is bound to extend similar freedom to the orders and communities of religious of either sex, who give most valuable help to the Bishops of the Church by labouring for the extension and the establishment of the kingdom of Christ. By their sacred vows they fight against the threefold concupiscence of the world; by making profession of a more perfect life they render the holiness which her divine Founder willed should be a mark and characteristic of his Church more striking and more conspicuous in the eyes of all.

32. Nations will be reminded by the annual celebration of this feast that not only private individuals but also rulers and princes are bound to give public honour and obedience to Christ. It will call to their minds the thought of the last judgment, wherein Christ, who has been cast out of public life, despised, neglected and ignored, will most severely avenge these insults; for his kingly dignity demands that the State should take account of the commandments of God and of Christian principles, both in making laws and in administering justice, and also in providing for the young a sound moral education.

33. The faithful, moreover, by meditating upon these truths, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian ideal. If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God.[35] If all these truths are presented to the faithful for their consideration, they will prove a powerful incentive to perfection. It is Our fervent desire, Venerable Brethren, that those who are without the fold may seek after and accept the sweet yoke of Christ, and that we, who by the mercy of God are of the household of the faith, may bear that yoke, not as a burden but with joy, with love, with devotion; that having lived our lives in accordance with the laws of God's kingdom, we may receive full measure of good fruit, and counted by Christ good and faithful servants, we may be rendered partakers of eternal bliss and glory with him in his heavenly kingdom. (QUAS PRIMAS: www.ewtn.com)

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>		<b>November 27, 2016</b>	
LAY MINISTRY	<b>Eucharistic</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Saturday 4:00 p.m	Rose Rabishaw	Colleen Petersen	Patrick & Judy Pinto
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Noreen Malloy	Mike Malloy	Bob & Betty Brown

10:30 a.m.

Bud Monahan

Jackie Bolin

Dana &amp; Brent Bidgood &amp; Family

**Year of Mercy Reflection****General Audience Pope Francis (November 16)**

In our catechesis for this Holy Year of Mercy, we now consider the spiritual work of mercy which is *bearing wrongs patiently*. In showing patience to those who wrong us and, by extension, to those we find irritating, we imitate God's own patience with us sinners. Exercising patience with others also challenges us to reflect on our own conduct and failings. Patience is also required in two related spiritual works of mercy: admonishing sinners and instructing the ignorant. We think of the patience shown by the many parents, catechists and teachers who quietly help young people to grow in faith and knowledge of the important things in life. Helping others to look past the ephemeral, to discover the Lord's will in their lives and thus to find lasting joy, is a great act of charity. By serving our brothers and sisters in this way, our own minds and hearts are purified and renewed. May the Holy Spirit grant us the generosity and patience needed to support and encourage those around us, so that together we may cherish the things that truly matter.



\*these courses are transferable to Trent University.

**Chalice**

As you consider gifts this Christmas, please think about the Chalice Catalogue. From there, you can donate many different items from personal, most needed, farming machinery etc. to people who are in great need. 1-800-776-6855 or [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca) or [info@chalice.ca](mailto:info@chalice.ca)



**IGNITE** will be hosting a *Theology on Tap* on Saturday, December 3rd at 7pm at Champ's Sports Bar. Our speaker will be Michael Hall of Catholic Christian Outreach.

We would like to invite any and all young people to come out and join us for an evening of fellowship and discussion! For questions, please direct your emails to [igniteptbo@gmail.com](mailto:igniteptbo@gmail.com).

**C.W.L. News**

LADIES come and join us for our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON on **Wed, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Parish Hall. **Mass is at 11:30 a.m. with the luncheon to follow.** Come enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The cost is \$16.00. This is a catered event so it is necessary to know how many will be attending - PLEASE contact Fran in the Rectory office (705) 741-1018 during office hours to let us know if you are attending. COME OUT AND ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

**Knights News**

**Parish Christmas Dinner - Friday, Dec. 2/16**  
**Hosted by your Knights of Columbus**

Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings plus a whole lot of fun. Cost \$ 20.00 per person, see a Knight after Mass to reserve yours this week as tickets are limited.

**Sacred Heart Memorial Wish Tree**

You are cordially invited to a Diocesan Candlelight Memorial Mass on **Sat, Dec 17 at 5:00pm at Sacred Heart Church.** Reception to follow. For information on how to dedicate a light in memory of your loved ones call the office at 705-745-5549 or 705-745-7631 or e-mail [office@stjohnpeterborough.ca](mailto:office@stjohnpeterborough.ca)

**Holy Mass in Spanish in Honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas**

**Sun, Dec 11 at St. John the Baptist Church at 4:30 p.m.**

There will be a Potluck Dinner in the basement after the Mass. For more information call: Phone 745-7631

"The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few." Luke 10:2"

**University level courses for everyone!**

Sacred Heart is offering 5 courses from January – April. For registrations visit [www.shofp.ca](http://www.shofp.ca) or call 705 745 5549.

-Old Testament Literature in its Historical Context

-The Ethics of Leadership\*

-Canadian History I: Becoming Canadian (Origins to 1867)\*

-Canadian History II: A Century of History (Confederation to 1967)

-Religion and the Rise of Modern Science

**Sisters of St. Joseph Upcoming Retreat Days**

All sessions will be held at Villa St. Joseph, 445 Monk St, Cobourg. To register: [villa@eagle.ca](mailto:villa@eagle.ca) or 905-372-2741  
**Retreat Day: Thomas Merton - "Listening to Nature, Contemplating God"**

Wednesday, November 23 – 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In his book "New seeds of Contemplation" Merton says "if we believe in the incarnation of the Son of God, there is no one on Earth in whom we are not prepared to see, in mystery, the presence of Christ". The same can ultimately be said of all creation. Merton shows us this reality through his prayer, writings and photography. Facilitated by Sisters Linda Gregg and Mary Rowell.

**Advent Series: Contemplative Waiting**

Wednesdays: Nov 30, Dec 7 and 14 – 7:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m.

Advent is a season of waiting – waiting in joyful hope for the coming of our saviour Jesus Christ. In the busyness of the pre-season we are invited to take some time to reflect on the importance of "waiting" as we enter more fully into the real meaning of Christmas. Join the Sisters of St. Joseph for three evening reflections and prayer during Advent.

Personal Retreat Days

**Wed, Nov 30 9:30 a.m. to Fri, Dec 2 4 p.m.**

We offer a quiet and relaxing environment that supports prayer and a deepening awareness of God's presence. The time and space is yours. You may choose to come for the entire time or for a shorter stay. The Sisters at the Villa are available for spiritual direction during these days. Delicious, homemade meals and snacks are provided. Coffee and tea available throughout the day (\$80/day).

**Sacred Heart Annual Christmas Turkey Supper**

Delicious Turkey, potatoes, dressing and all the trimmings. Sunday November 27th at 5:00 pm. Tickets Adults \$15.00, Children (6-12) \$7.00 Phone Jan Burke at 868-6307.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, the first responsorial psalm will be used: **We proclaim Your Death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection Until You come again.**



**World Day of Cloistered Live (Pro Orantibus Day)**

Pope Francis has set Nov. 21, the Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple, as a day to pray for and support cloistered and monastic religious. It is called World Day of Cloistered Life, also known as Pro Orantibus Day ("For Those Who Pray").

**Offertory Thank you for your generosity**

**Nov 13:** Env.: \$1709.00 + Loose: \$316.75 = \$2025.75  
Fuel: \$67.00 St. Vincent de Paul: \$5.00

**Serviam Ministries** are hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** on Saturday **February 18, 2017**, with **Fr. Larry Richards**, and **Archbishop Christian Lépine of Montreal**. The theme of the event is **"Step Up"**.

Topics for the day: Be A Man Who Repents, The Family, The Spirit Makes Us Strong, Loving & Wise  
See link <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/schedule/>

It is a great opportunity for men to grow in faith and virtue, and to encourage each other in this pursuit. The day will strengthen men in their faith while challenging them to become the men God created them to be. There will be an opportunity to meet the speakers, visit booths showcasing local Catholic organizations/ministries, purchase Catholic items, Mass, Adoration and Confessions.

**The Peterborough and District Italian Club** is offering its annual Christmas Shopping bus trip to Toronto/Woodbridge on **Sat, Dec 3**. North End pick-up: Canadian Tire (parking lot) at 8 A.M. West-end pick-up: Canadian Tire (parking lot) at 8:15 A.M. **SAME PRICE AS LAST YEAR!!!** Members ticket 35, non-members \$40. Contact Maria and Gaspare Andreoli 705-745-0110

**Pre Theology of the Body**

Dec 26 – 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Theology of the Body (TOB) Training**

Pauline Books & Media is offering a 4 – Saturday course for \$40 on TOB. The training will be held **Jan 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Sr. Helena Burns will present and registration is required: 416-781-9131 X 224 or [srhelenaburns@gmail.com](mailto:srhelenaburns@gmail.com)

Come and hear St. John Paul II's life – changing teaching and how it is the answer to today's hot issues.

"A person's rightful due is to be treated as an object of love, not as an object for use."

**Pope John Paul II, Love and Responsibility**

**Readings:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 2: 1 – 5**

**Psalm 122**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 13: 11 – 14**

**Gospel: Matthew 24: 37 – 44**

**Holy Father's Intentions: November**

**Universal: Countries Receiving Refugees**

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

**Evangelization: Collaboration of Priests and Laity**

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY**

**Every Tuesday evening from 7 pm to 8 pm**, we gather at St.

Peter-in-Chains Cathedral rectory for prayerful reading,

reflection and discussion of the readings for the following

Sunday. Everyone is welcome. All that is needed is a desire

to come closer to the Lord and to discover what it means to

be His follower. Call Tom (705 243 4133).

**LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS**

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THE FIRST AND LAST SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 1:00 PM AND EVERY SATURDAY MORNING AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, HASTINGS AT 8:30 AM.

ALL OTHER SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH, MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION CHURCH, CAMPBELLFORD AT 12:30 PM.

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND

**King of the Universe and King of Thieves? A Homily for the Feast of Christ the King (Msgr. Charles Pope)**

Jesus Christ is King of Thieves, though he never stole. He is saviour of sinners though he himself never sinned.

The Gospel chosen for today's feast presents Jesus as reigning from the cross. Nothing could be more paradoxical. Perhaps we can look at this Gospel and feast from four perspectives:

I. Vision – In the Gospel for today's feast we have vision or an image for the Church. We like to think of more pleasant images such as the Church being the Bride of Christ or the Body of Christ. Today's image is less exalted and more humbling to be sure, but it is an image just the same: The Image of the Church is Christ, crucified between two thieves.

Yes, this is the Church too. Somehow we are all thieves. The fact is, we are all sinners and we have all used the gifts and things that belong to God in a way that is contrary to his will. To misuse things that belong to others is a form of theft and we are thus thieves for we have all misused what belongs to God.

Consider some of the things we claim as our own and how easily we misuse them: Our bodies, our time, our

talents, our money, our gift of speech, our gift of freedom and so forth. We call them ours but they really belong to God and if we use them in ways contrary to the intention of the owner we are guilty of a form of theft.

So the Church is Christ, crucified between two thieves.

II. Variance – But consider also that these two thieves were very different; even as in the Church we have saints and sinners, and in the world there are those who will turn to Christ and be saved and those who will turn away and be lost.

1. One thief derides Jesus and makes demands of him: – Are you not the Christ! Save yourself and us! The text says this thief “reviles” Jesus. To revile means to speak against another with contempt and to treat some one as vile, or loathsome.

2. The other thief reverences Christ and rebukes the other saying, – Have you no fear of God? This thief recognizes his guilt – We have been condemned justly. And he requests – Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.

So here are two different men. Christ came to call sinners, thieves, if you will. Yes, we are all thieves, that is true. But pray God we are the good thief, the repentant thief, The one thief who is now ready to resubmit himself to the authority of Christ, who is King of all creation, and King of us thieves.

Now heaven is a real steal, something we don't deserve. But it is only accessed through repentance and faith. The bad thief wants relief but will not open the door of his heart by repentance and faith so that Jesus can save him. Mercy is offered and available there right next to him, but it is accessed through repentance and faith. He does not open the door, but the good thief does and thereby will be saved.

III. Veracity – But is Christ really your king? Well a King has authority. So another way of asking is, “Does Christ have authority in your life? Do you and I acknowledge that everything we call our own really belongs to Him? How well do we use the things that we call our own but which really belong to God?”

Well you get the point. It is one thing to call Christ our King, it is another to truly be under his authority. The Lord is clear enough in telling us that he expects our obedience: Why do you call me Lord and not do what I tell you? (Luke 6:46)

Is Christ your King? Which thief are you, really?

IV. Victory – The thief who asks Jesus to remember him manifests a kind of baptism of desire as well as repentance and faith. As such he moved straight-way in the victor's column. Jesus words, Today you shall be with me in paradise indicate a dramatic and sudden shift for the thief. In other words Jesus says, Your faith has saved you. As of this moment you are now at my side, and I am your saving Lord.

Now to be with Jesus, wherever He is, is paradise and victory. Soon enough the heavens will be opened as well, but the victory is now, and paradise begins now. And thus he claims the victory through his choice for Jesus Christ. Will you have the victory? Well, that depends on if you choose the prince of the world, or the King of the Universe, Jesus.

Some think they can choose neither Jesus nor Satan, but try some middle way. Well if that's your choice, I've got news for you, you've chosen the prince of this world, who loves compromise. Jesus says, Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. (Matt 12:30)

Now I pray that he will truly be my King in all things.

Come Jesus reign in my heart! Let me begin to experience victory and paradise even now!

<http://blog.adw.org/2013/11/king-of-the-universe-and-king-of-thieves-a-homily-for-the-feast-of-christ-the-king/>

### **MAKE A ' LIFE ' DIFFERENCE.**

Prayer does have power. Join us this Saturday morning from 10:00 am to 11:00 am across from the Peterborough hospital. Come singly or as part of a group. We need you to participate in our **sidewalk prayer vigil for the unborn.**

Defend life and be part of this public witness against the horror of abortion.

For information: **Paul 741- 4000 or Tom 243-4133**

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**At St Alphonsus Oratory 7am-Midnight and Noon-Midnight (Sunday) "Come to me all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you rest." (Mt. 11:28) INFO: Bernadette 705-742-3055**

### **ROSARY FOR LIFE ON THURSDAYS**



Come and join in praying the 15-decade Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious) for the sanctity and protection of life from abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, followed by the Memorare and

St. Michael's Prayer. **Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.**

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

– Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae), n. 100.

When we ask, we receive. We should invite our people to join the ongoing worldwide novena to end abortion, at [www.PrayerCampaign.org](http://www.PrayerCampaign.org).

### **After Abortion Canadian Helpline**

Second Chance Ministry 905-430-7990

We offer support to those struggling with emotional and psychological effects of abortion, sometimes known as post abortion trauma or post abortion syndrome.

[Angelina@SecondChanceMinistry.ca](mailto:Angelina@SecondChanceMinistry.ca)

Chalice is a ministry of the Catholic Community, creating and nurturing relationships of life and love. To find out how Chalice Helps go to website <http://www.ccare.ca/>

Thurs. October 13: 12 - 2 p.m., & 4 - 6 p.m. Donations of goods can be dropped off at Three Roads Farm and other Keene locations. [osmfoodcupboard@nexicom.net](mailto:osmfoodcupboard@nexicom.net) or 295-6952

### Project Rachel

Project Rachel offers accompaniment, counselling, personal presence and support, and other services at any time they are needed by women or men. They also offer weekend retreats which provide opportunity for women who have suffered from an abortion experience to find healing, forgiveness and reconciliation. Are you hurting as a result of an abortion? Healing is possible. Please contact them for upcoming dates, in confidence, by telephone at 416 629 8264 or by e-mail [projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org](mailto:projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org). <http://www.stmarysrefuge.org>



*"The Mass is the most favourable occasion to speak with the eternal Father, because then we offer Him His only Son as a victim for our salvation. Before celebrating, reflect on the sufferings of your Redeemer, commune peaceably with Him, even in the midst of dryness; carry to the altar the needs of the entire world."* St. Paul of the Cross

**"A saint is not someone who never sins, but one who sins less and less frequently and gets up more and more quickly."**  
— Bernard of Clairvaux

### Peterborough Communication Support Systems

A non-profit agency that provides support services to Deaf / non-verbal individuals living with intellectual disabilities. They provide quality sewing, custom embroidery, printing services and woodworking products. They are located at 192 B Hunter St. West. Phone: (705) 748 6680

### Church Cleaning Ministry

Please find the church cleaning sheet on the glass religious article case at the back of the church. Once per week, for one month at a time, we need cleaners to vacuum, dust mop and do general dusting/ wiping at Assumption.



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FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH



The Season of Lent



### From the Pastor's Desk

■ Fr. Michael



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers. -St. Padre Pio

Life Chain

